

SENATE BILL 1567

By Yager

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63,  
relative to previously owned eyeglasses.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63, Chapter 6, Part 7, is amended by  
adding the following as a new section:

**63-6-711.**

(a) Subject to the requirements of subsection (b), none of the following shall be  
civilly liable for any damages arising out of dispensing previously owned eyeglasses to a  
person:

(1) A sponsoring organization;

(2) A free clinic; or

(3) Any organization that provides previously owned eyeglasses to a  
sponsoring organization or a free clinic free of charge and that is exempt from  
federal taxation under Section 501(c)(3) or Section 501(c)(4) of the Internal  
Revenue Code of 1986, codified in 26 U.S.C. § 501(c)(3) and (4).

(b) In order for the immunity conferred by subsection (a) to apply:

(1) The person to whom the previously owned eyeglasses are dispensed  
must be fourteen (14) or more years of age;

(2) The previously owned eyeglasses must be dispensed without charge;

and

(3) The previously owned eyeglasses must be dispensed by a licensed  
optometrist or ophthalmologist who has:

(A) Personally examined the recipient of the eyeglasses and issued a prescription for the eyeglasses; or

(B) Personally consulted with the licensed optometrist or ophthalmologist who issued a prescription for the eyeglasses.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.